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The test method follows the minimum requirements of FAR 29.561 for emergency landing conditions. Additionally, the drag force that occurs on the externally mounted Nightsun will also be considered. The successful completion of the tests described herein will demonstrate the structural integrity of the Premier Aviation Nose Mounted Nightsun/Starburst Installation.

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TEST SETUP:

The test article shall be an FAA conformed Premier Aviation Nose Mounted Nightsun installed on a civil certificated BHT 412EP helicopter. To preclude any possible damage to the Nightsun due to static load testing of the mount, it will be removed from the mounting dovetail. A test fixture will be bolted to the dovetail for testing purposes. All test loads will be applied to the test fixture, simulating the center of gravity of the Nightsun.

All test instrumentation shall be calibrated. Test equipment may be previously weighed bags of sand, or equivalent, a calibrated spring scale, or a calibrated load cell. The spring and/or load cell shall have accommodations for pulling or pushing on the test article as specified under test procedures.

TEST LOADS:

The test loads to be applied to the installation of the Nose Mounted Nightsun/Starburst Installation are described below.

Drag Load

The drag load is calculated as follows:

 $D = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 SC_D$ where

D = drag force in pounds,

 ρ = air density = 0.002377 slugs/ft³

 $V = velocity = 1.1V_{NE} = 1.1 \times 140 \text{ kts.} = 154 \text{ kts.} = 260 \text{ ft/sec}$

 $S = frontal area = 1.833 ft^2$

CD = drag coefficient = 1.12 (Ref. Hoerner, Fluid Dynamic Drag, p. 8-3, Fig. 7)

 $D_{LIMIT} = 0.5 \times 0.002377 \times 260^2 \times 1.833 \times 1.12 = 165 \text{ lbs.}$

 $D_{ULTIMATE} = D_{LIMIT} \times 1.5 = 248 \text{ lbs.}$

Forward Load

The weight of the SX-16 Nightsun is 37 pounds and the weight of the mounting provision is approximately 3 pounds. The ultimate inertial forward load, as defined by FAR 29.561, is 4 times the weight of the SX-16 and the mounting provisions.

Forward Ultimate Load = $4g \times 40$ lbs. = 160 lbs.

Downward Load

As defined by FAR 29.337, the limit and ultimate maneuvering loads are:

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Ultimate Maneuvering Load = Limit Maneuvering Load \times 1.5 = 210 lbs

TEST PROCEDURES:

The ultimate forward load is less than the ultimate drag load. Therefore, the test article will be tested to the ultimate drag load. The ultimate drag load shall be applied to the test fixture at a location that is 15.30 inches below the dovetail, or an equivalent moment shall be applied to the fixture. The ultimate drag load shall be applied and held statically for at least 3 seconds and then released. The test article shall be inspected for any evidence of failure.

The ultimate maneuvering load does not exceed the load previously tested and approved for the mounting dovetail (reference STC SH7979SW, Installation of a Nose Mounted FLIR 2000 A/B Imager, in accordance with SFENA Drawing B32-13002 and Premier Aviation Engineering Report E90-234, "Static Test of the Nose-Mounted FLIR System 2000 Installed on the BHTI 412 Helicopter"). Therefore, the test article will not be retested to this load.

TEST RESULTS:

Statement of Conformity

A MIDO conformity inspection of the test article was performed by Bill Jewel, DAR, prior to the test. Official witnessing of the tests was delegated to Herb Waldrup, DER. The test article and rig were inspected by Mr. Waldrup and was found to be acceptable for the tests. The tests were conducted at the Premier Aviation facilities located in Grand Prairie, Texas, on Friday, August 18, 1995. The test aircraft was Bell 412EP serial number 36105. Premier Aviation employees witnessing the test were Rick Reynolds, representing the Engineering department, Nelson Bivins, representing Quality Control, and Tom Healy, representing Manufacturing.

Recorded Data and Comments

Limit and Ultimate loads were applied according to the test plan. Target and actual loads are listed below (all loads are in lbs.).

Load Direction	Load Type	Target Load	Actual Load
Rear Drag Load	Limit	165	168
Rear Drag Load	Ultimate	248	269

The static load was applied using a Dayton Model 4Z312 ratchet puller in line with an Intercomp Model JW-5 load cell. Load cell data was viewed using an Intercomp Model AC100 Central Processing Unit. Calibration of the load cell and central processing unit was last performed on August 14, 1995 by J.P. Bowlin Co.

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The limit drag load was applied to the test fixture and held for 15 seconds. The load was released, the test article was inspected and found to be satisfactory. The ultimate drag load was applied to the test fixture for 3 seconds then released. The actual load applied was 269 pounds at a point 15.3 inches below the dovetail. Figures 1 and 2 show the location and application of the applied loads. No deformation, damage, or failure of the Nose Mounted Nightsun/Starburst Installation was found after application of the limit or ultimate loads.

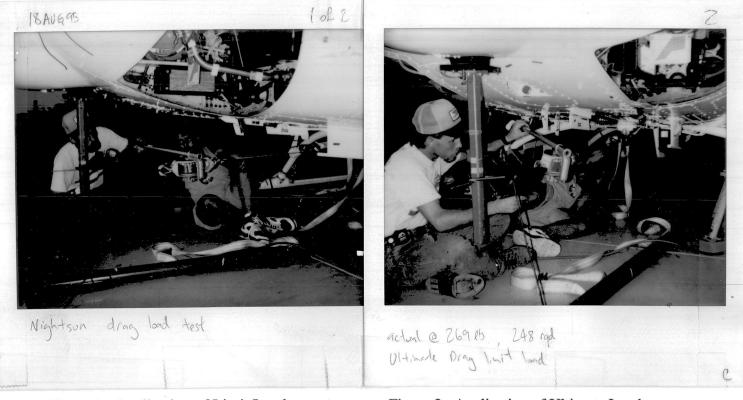


Figure 1. Application of Limit Load.

Figure 2. Application of Ultimate Load.

CONCLUSIONS:

As demonstrated and substantiated by these static load tests, the Premier Aviation Nose Mounted Nightsun/Starburst Installation design aspects and its installation in Bell 412EP aircraft are satisfactory for structural loading considerations.

The tests were considered successful because there was no evidence of permanent deformation from the applied limit load, and no failure of the Nose Mounted Nightsun/Starburst Installation structure after application of the full ultimate load specified.

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